

June 18, 2008

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BROWN
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The LAND CONSERVATION SUB COMMITTEE met in regular session on May 27, 2008, and recommends the following motions.

1. Report on erosion problem at Brown County Golf Course. Receive & place on file.
2. Land Conservation Department Budget Status Financial Report not available. (Report distributed at meeting.) Receive & place on file.
3. Director's report. No action.

Approved by:

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, Tuesday, May 27, 2008 in Room 161, UW-Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin



Present: Norb Dantinne, Bernie Erickson, Mike Fleck, Dan Haefs, Dave Kaster, Norb VandeHei

Also Present: Bill Hafs, Jim Jolly, Jayme Sellen

i. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantinne at 7:00 p.m.

ii. Approve/Modify Agenda:

Motion made by Kaster and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

iii. Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of April 28, 2008:

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck and seconded by Erickson to approve the minutes. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Report on Erosion Problem at Brown County Golf Course:

Jim Jolly distributed a map showing the area in question (available in County Board and County Clerk office). He explained that on April 3, 2008, a request was made for technical assistance with a washout on the #9 hole at the Brown County Golf Course. This washout was found to be approximately 20' wide by 80' long at the site which previously serviced the temporary bridge on #9 utilized by golfers to cross Trout Creek. The damage happened when a streambank of Trout Creek was breached during a major runoff event in late March. The overflow carved a new channel approximately 10' wide and 100' long bypassing over 520' of previously active stream channel and discharged directly into the west side of the fairway on #9.

Jolly explained that the severity of erosion in and along the banks of Trout Creek on Brown County property is causing significant negative impact to the stream network. Of special interest to Brown County is the pond on #17, the course's signature hole. The pond lies within the floodway of Trout Creek and is acting as a sediment trap.

The Oneida Tribe of Indians has requested that the Golf Course consider plans to create a bypass around the current pond on #17 to allow for fish access.

Recommendations include the following:

1. Seek permits to reclaim 20' x 80' piece of land eroded on hole #9. Fill and grade area to its original state; armor banks with rock rip rap to prevent future erosion.
2. Fill in new channel created by breach in order to reroute stream back to its original course. Armor banks to prevent future breach of stream channel.
3. Excavate sediment and remove snags from original 520 ft of stream channel to regain channel capacity and improve stream flow.
4. Plan, survey and design rock rip rap to stabilize remaining eroded banks of Trout Creek upstream from hole #9 on Brown County property.
5. Apply for DNR Chapter 30 and Village of Hobart Shoreland/floodplain permits for installing rock rip rap along eroded banks of Trout Creek and a permanent clear span bridge on hole #9.

Payment was discussed with it being suggested that as the Golf Course is an enterprise fund, it may have to come out of their assets. Mr. Jolly indicated there are possible funds available through State Fish & Wildlife in the amount of \$25,000.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster and seconded by Supervisor Erickson to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Land Conservation Department Budget Status Financial Report not available:

An updated Budget Status Report dated through the period April 30, 2008 was distributed for review (attached).

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Director's Report:

Mr. Hafs distributed information relative to the Brown County Waste Transformation Project (attached), explaining this is a feasibility study to find economic and environmental solutions for farmers and industrial land application of waste. Brown County faces three primary challenges: 1) There is not enough cropland for application of waste; 2) The agricultural industry has great economic pressure, such as the increasing cost of land, fuel, fertilizer and waste disposal (including transportation and storage of waste); and 3) Contamination of surface and ground water.

Also attached is a list of groups, agencies, and organizations which were sent a request for letters of support for the Waste Transformation Project.

A meeting on behalf of this project and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture will be held on Friday, May 30, 2008. A list of speakers, including County Executive Tom Hinz, and Jayme Sellen, Legislative Assistant, Bill Hafs and Brad Holtz from the Brown County Land Conservation office is also attached.

4. **Such other matters as authorized by law: None**

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck and seconded by Supervisor Erickson to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

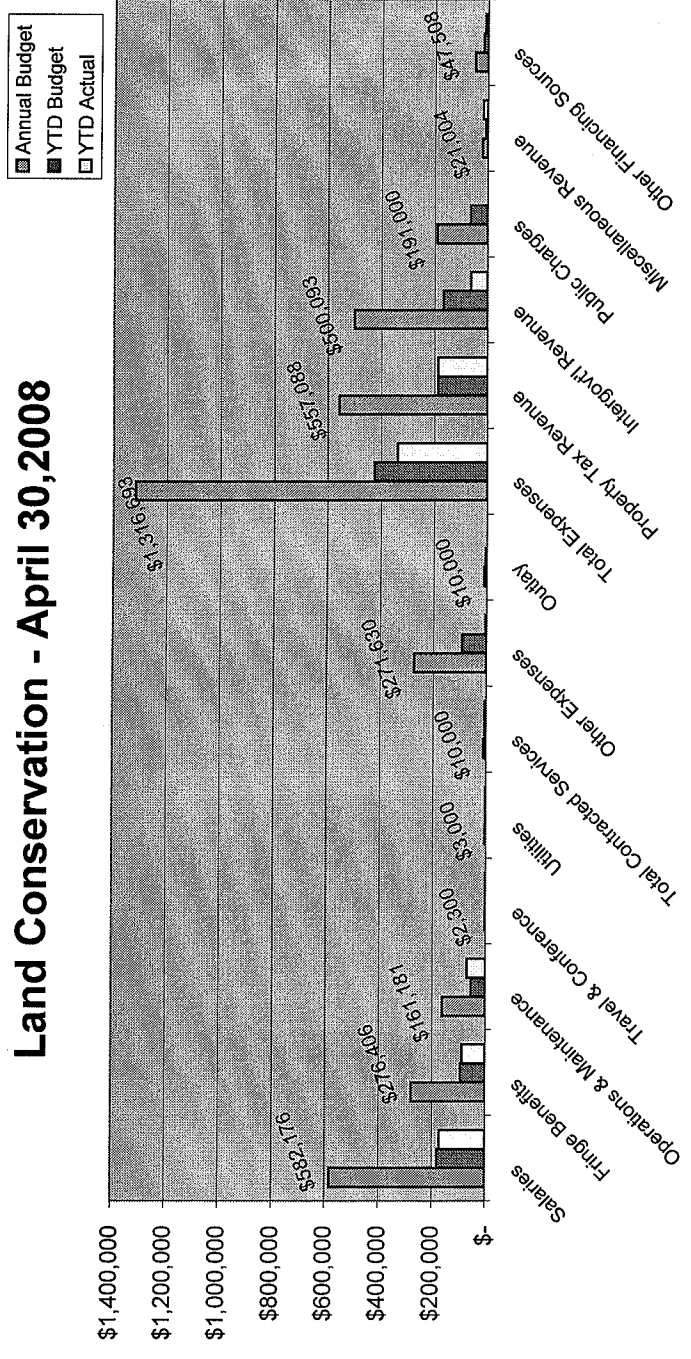
Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel
Recording Secretary

Brown County
Land Conservation
Budget Status Report
4/30/2008

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Salaries	\$ 582,176	\$ 179,490	\$ 171,127
Fringe Benefits	\$ 276,406	\$ 92,135	\$ 87,253
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 161,181	\$ 53,727	\$ 68,706
Travel & Conference	\$ 2,300	\$ 767	\$ 1,214
Utilities	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 807
Total Contracted Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,333	\$ 5,000
Other Expenses	\$ 271,630	\$ 90,544	\$ 3,972
Outlay	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,333	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 1,316,693	\$ 424,329	\$ 338,079
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 557,088	\$ 185,696	\$ 185,696
Intergov't'l Revenue	\$ 500,093	\$ 166,697	\$ 61,371
Public Charges	\$ 191,000	\$ 63,667	\$ 238
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 21,004	\$ 7,001	\$ 17,057
Other Financing Sources	\$ 47,508	\$ 15,836	\$ 10,000
Grand Total Revenues	\$ 1,316,693	\$ 438,897	\$ 274,362

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The Brown County Waste Transformation Project



The Brown County Waste Transformation Project (BCWTP) is a feasibility study to find economic and environmental solutions for farmers and industries that land apply waste. Agriculture is a \$3 billion a year industry in Brown County. It provides jobs for 10 percent of the workforce creating an income of \$844.5 million in Brown County. BCWTP is a project that will sustain and even grow this industry.

Brown County faces three primary challenges:

1. There is not enough cropland for application of waste.
2. The agricultural industry has great economic pressures, such as the increasing cost of land, fuel, fertilizer and waste disposal (including transportation and storage of waste).
3. Contamination of surface and groundwaters.

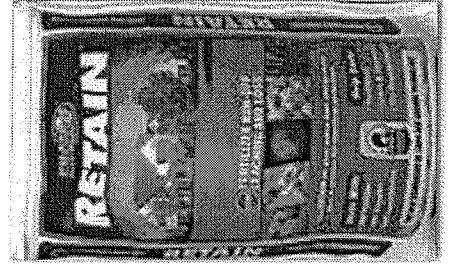
BCWTP is the solution to all three challenges. With the help of FEECO, ENCAP and other public and private partners, BCWTP is working to take organic waste streams that are municipal, industrial or agricultural generated to make a value added product that can be sold to an end user as a pelletized pathogenic free fertilizer.

In addition to agriculture, 26 companies or corporations land apply waste in Brown County. Insufficient cropland for waste to be land applied is forcing the transportation of waste greater distances. Application of waste on shrinking cropland levels has led to serious groundwater contamination problems and pollution of the Lower Green Bay. BCWTP will help protect groundwater and reduce nutrient delivery to Green Bay and Lake Michigan.

This project uses various waste streams, removes the water, turns it into a pellet and adds ENCAP's Movement Control Technology. With this proven technology, pathogens are destroyed, the nutrients of the fertilizer are held by the soil for crop utilization and non point runoff is controlled. This fertilizer is a cost-effective alternative that will give the user a bigger bang for their buck by keeping nutrients on the field while protecting the environment and creating an industry that is not limited to Brown County or the State of Wisconsin.

The goal of BCWTP is to build a business model that will lessen the burden on the lands in Brown County, create jobs in a growing "Green" industry and protect our environment.

For more information contact Bill Hafs or Brad Holtz at 920.391.4620



List of Groups, Agencies, and Organizations sent a request for letters of support for Waste Transformation Project May 2008

* Agreed to write letter of support as of 5-27-08

#Requested additional information or presentation.

1. # Wisconsin Department of Agriculture , Trade and Consumer Protection – Jim Arts
2. * DNR – Gordon Stevenson, Todd Ambs, Tom Bauman
3. # USEPA – Judy Beck, John Perriconne
4. Midwest Environmental Advocates- Jamie Saul, Melissa Scandlin, Karen Schapiro
5. League of Conservation Voters – Jessica Garrels
6. * River Alliance of Wisconsin – Denny Caneff
7. * Oneida Tribe – Mike Finney
8. Gathering Waters Conservancy- Mike Stringel, Bill Berry
9. # Dairy Business Associates – Laurie Fischer
10. # USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Pat Leavenworth, Jim Hunt, Don Balone
11. Farm Bureau Federation- Bill Bruins, Becky Schollian
12. Nature Conservancy – Mike Grimm
13. # Representative – Al Ott
14. State Senator – Alan Lasee
15. State Senator – Bob Cowles
16. * State Senator – Dave Hansen
17. Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board – Sandi Cihlar
18. * Town of Morrison – Todd Christensen - Chairman, Town Board
19. * University of Wisconsin Extension – Mark Hagedorn, Judy Knudsen
20. * Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Don Jaworski
21. * Laborers Employers Cooperation and Education Trust – Jerry Knapp
22. * Green Bay Chamber of Commerce – Barb Fleisner, Ray Kopish, Paul Jadin
23. * Glacierland Resource Conservation and Development – Greg Hines
24. Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin
25. * Baird Creek Preservation Foundation – Paul Abrahams

In process of sending request for support and funding to Congressman Kagen, Senator Herb Kohl, Senator Russ Feingold.

List of people that will speak at Wisconsin Department of Agriculture on behalf of the Brown County Waste Transformation Project on Friday May 30, 2008:

1. Dan Madigan – President Feeco International
2. Lee Hoffmann – Vice President & General Manager Feeco International
3. Michael Krysiak – President ENCAP, LLC
4. Chris Calawerts – ENCAP, LLC
5. Mike Mleziva – General Manager Ag Ventures LLC
6. Barb Fleisner – Vice President Economic Development, Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
7. Tom Hinz – Brown County Executive
8. Jayme Sellen – Legislative Assistant, Brown County
9. Bill Hafs – Conservationist, Brown County Land Conservation
10. Brad Holtz – Agronomist, Brown County Land Conservation